

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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LEGISLATION FOR WELFARE OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enact a comprehensive legislation for the Welfare of Agricultural Workers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also considering to bring a National Minimum Wages Scheme for agricultural labourers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The Government is considering formulation of social security scheme and enactment of central legislation for unorganized sector workers, including agricultural workers, in consultation with various stakeholders, concerned Ministries/Departments and National Commission for Enterprises in Unorganised Sector. The modalities of the scheme are being worked out.

(c) & (d): At present there is no proposal to bring a National Minimum Wages Scheme for agricultural labourers. However, the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 is applicable to agricultural workers also.